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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (AARON, DAVID)
SUBJECT: OVERLAND MOVEMENT FROM EGYPT TO ISRAEL

REF: STATE 162340

1. WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH SFM DIRECTOR HUNT, WHO
FORTUITOUSLY IN CAIRO JUNE 27, AND PROPOSE FOLLOWING
SCHEDULE FOR AARON VISIT TO SFM. (SCHEDULE WOULD BE
SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IF WE SUCCEED IN OBTAINING MILITARY
HELICOPTER.)
2. FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF VP MONDALE FROM ALEXANDRIA
EVENING JULY 3, AARON WOULD COME TO CAIRO TO SPEND THE
NIGHT. WE HAVE REQUESTED RESERVATION AT HILTON. CONTROL
OFFICER WILL BE FSO JOHN CRAIG WHO WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY
TO SFM AND THEN RETURN TO CAIRO.
3. TUESDAY, JULY 4

0800 -- DEPART CAIRO IN EMBASSY CAR.

0930 -- ARRIVE ISMAILIA. MET BY SFM DIRECTOR HUNT
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- FOR CROSSING OF CANAL.

0945 -- DEPART WESTERN SIDE OF CANAL IN SFM VEHICLE.

1130 -- ARRIVE SFM VIA ROAD THROUGH GIDDI PASS,
- WITH VIEW OF SENSOR STATION AND E-1 AND J-1.

1130-1330 -- TOUR, BRIEFING AND WORKING LUNCH AT SFM.

1330 -- DEPART SFM FOR 1500 ARRIVAL IN TEL AVIV.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS ASKED PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR HASSAN KAMEL FOR HELICOPTER. KAMEL WOULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT, BUT UNDERTOOK LOOK INTO MATTER. HOWEVER, USE OF HELICOPTER WILL NOT MARKEDLY CHANGE ABOVE SCHEDULE SINCE 30-45 MINUTE DRIVE FROM HILTON TO CAIRO MILITARY AIRPORT WILL STILL BE NECESSARY AND HELICOPTER CAN ONLY FLY TO EASTERN SIDE OF CANAL, NOT INTO BUFFER ZONE. HELICOPTER TRIP ITSELF IS OVER HALF HOUR, SO TIME SAVED WOULD BE ONE TO ONE-AND-HALF HOURS.

5. JULY 4 HOLIDAY IS ONE OF RARE INSTANCES IN WHICH WIVES AND CHILDREN OF SFM PERSONNEL PERMITTED TO VISIT SFM. ABOUT 30 ARE EXPECTED. SFM OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED BUT ALL OTHER OPERATIONS WILL BE NORMAL. SFM DIRECTOR HUNT WILL CONDUCT BRIEFINGS. EILTS

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